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SUBJECT: MESSAGE OF THANKS FROM BUNDESTAG INTERNAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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1. AXEL WERNITZ, CHAIRMAN OF THE BUNDESTAG INTERNAL
AFFAIRS COMMITTEE AND LEADER OF THE DELEGATION WHICH
VISITED THE U.S. DURING MARCH 30 - APRIL 7, HAS WRITTEN
ME THE FOLLOWING THANK-YOU NOTE (INFORMAL EMBASSY TRANS-
LATION OF RELEVANT PASSAGES):

QUOTE

DEAR MR. AMBASSADOR:

AFTER YESTERDAY'S RECEPTION IN YOUR RESIDENCE, THE
AMERICA TRIP OF THE DELEGATION FROM THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS
COMMITTEE HAS FORMALLY ENDED. IT IS THEREFORE TIME TO
THANK MOST SINCERELY BOTH YOU AND THE INVOLVED OFFICES
AND PERSONS IN YOUR COUNTRY FOR THE HOSPITALITY WHICH
WAS GIVEN, ESPECIALLY FOR THE READINESS TO TALK AND
EXCHANGE INFORMATION IN AN OPEN WAY. WE ALWAYS HAD THE
FEELING, BOTH YESTERDAY EVENING AS WELL AS IN ALL TALKS
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IN THE U.S., THAT WE WERE AMONG FRIENDS. DURING OUR
VISIT WE WERE ABLE TO ASCERTAIN THAT THE SPIRIT OF
FRIENDLY COOPERATION IS NOT LIMITED TO TOP LEVELS IN
WASHINGTON, BUT IS ALSO PRESENT IN THE SMALLER
OFFICES OF THE COUNTRY AND IN THE ENTIRE POPULATION.

THE AMERICA TRIP WAS A GREAT EXPERIENCE AND A PROFESSIONAL

GAIN FOR ALL PARTICIPANTS. IN THE NAME OF THE ENTIRE
DELEGATION, I WANT TO THANK YOU MOST CORDIALLY.

...

SINCERELY,

DR. AXEL WERNITZ

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2. ON APRIL 17, WERNITZ, REGENSPURGER, VON LOEWENICH,
AND BORGS GAVE ME A GLOWING REPORT ON ALL ASPECTS OF
THEIR TRIP. I WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR CONVEYING WERNITZ'S
THANKS, AND MY OWN DEEP APPRECIATION, TO ALL THOSE WHO
WERE INVOLVED IN PREPARING AND COORDINATING THIS VISIT.
WARM REGARDS.
STOESSEL

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